FIFTEEN MINUTES WITH THE BIBLE

THE SELECTIONS LISTED BELOW take about a quarter of an hour to read. Fifteen minutes is the length required for gaining the Indulgence granted by the Church. They cover most of the highlights of both the Old and the New Testament, and will therefore be found useful not only for the general reader but also for students and study clubs. In Part I the selections lay stress upon those incidents and revelations which pointed toward the coming of Christ to redeem men. Part II focuses upon the most important phases of the Saviour’s life and teachings. In Part III the selections mark out some of the most valuable lessons in both the Old Testament and in the writings of the Apostles in the New Testament.

In each selection a comma between numbers means that the preceding number refers to the chapter, the following number to the verse. A long dash indicates that the reading covers several chapters. Different passages are divided by semicolons.

Part I. The Old Testament Story

God Reveals His Will to the Patriarchs and to Israel

1. Creation and Fall of Man......................Gen. 1, 1—3, 24
2. Noe and the Deluge.........................Gen. 6, 1—9, 17
3. Call and Promise to Abraham.......Gen. 12, 1-7; 13, 14-17; 15, 1-18; 17, 1-22
4. Isaac, Child of the Promise........Gen. 21, 1-21; 22, 1-18; 24, 1-67
5. Jacob and Esau.............Gen. 25, 19-34; 27, 1-45; 28, 10-22
7. Birth and Call of Moses..............Exod. 1, 1—4, 18
8. Passover and Paschal Lamb........Exod. 11, 1—13, 16
10. Covenant at Sinai..........Exod. 19, 1—20, 21; 34, 1-35
11. Prophecies of Balaam............Num. 22, 1—24, 25
12. Josue’s Conquest of Chanaan......Jos. 1, 1—3; 17; 6, 1-27
13. Gedeon and the Madianites.............. Judges 6, 1–8, 35
14. Ruth, Grandmother of David.............. Ruth 1, 1–4, 17
15. Samuel, Last of the Judges.............. 1 Sam. 1, 1-28; 3, 1-19; 7, 1-17
16. Saul, First King of Israel.............. 1 Sam. 9, 1–10, 27; 15, 1-35
17. Early Life of David.................... 1 Sam. 16, 1–18, 30
18. King David at Jerusalem............... 2 Sam. 5, 1–7, 29
19. David's Sin and Penance............... 2 Sam. 11, 1–13, 38
20. Solomon, the Wise..................... 3 Kings 3, 1-28; 8, 1-66
21. Elias, Foe of Baal..................... 3 Kings 18, 1–19, 21; 21, 1-29
22. Eliseus, the Miracle-worker........... 4 Kings 2, 1-25; 4, 1–5, 27
23. Ezechias and Sennacherib............... 4 Kings 18, 1–20, 20
24. Fall of Jerusalem..................... 4 Kings 22, 1-20; 23, 29–25, 21
25. The Temple Rebuilt...................... Aggeus 1, 1–2, 24; 1 Esdras 5, 1–6, 22
26. Tobias and Raphael..................... Tob. 5, 1–8, 24; 11, 1-21
27. Judith and Holophernes................. Judith 8, 1–13, 26
28. Esther, Queen of Persia............... Esther 2, 1–9, 4
29. Daniel at Babylon...................... Dan. 6, 1-24; 13, 1–14, 42
30. Machabeean Martyrs..................... 2 Mach. 6, 1–7, 42

Part II. The Gospel Story

God Sends His Son to Establish His Kingdom on Earth for All Mankind

1. Prophecies of Emmanuel................. Isa. 6, 1–7, 16; 9, 1-7; 11, 1-10; 40, 1–41, 29
3. New Covenant Foretold................. Jerem. 23, 1-8; 31, 1–34; Ezech. 34, 1-31
4. Birth and Boyhood of Christ.......... Luke 1, 5–2, 52; Matt. 1, 18–2, 23
5. John the Baptist......................... John 1, 1-34; Luke 3, 1-20; Mark 6, 17-29
7. The First Disciples..................... Matt. 4, 18-22; Luke 5, 1-32; John 1, 35-50
9. Miracles of Jesus....................... Matt. 8, 1–9, 8; Mark 5, 1-43; John 4, 46–5, 47
10. Parables of the Kingdom............... Matt. 13, 1-52; 20, 1-16; 21, 28–22, 14
Part III. Spiritual Wisdom of the Bible

A. The Teaching of the Old Testament

1. Fidelity to God's Law.............Deut. 4, 1-40; 6, 1-25; 7, 6-26
2. Punishment for Infidelity.......Lev. 26, 14-45; Deut. 28, 15-68
3. Blessings of Obedience.........Deut. 10, 11-11, 32; 28, 1-14
4. The Call to Wisdom...............Prov. 1, 20-4, 27
5. Excellence of Wisdom..........Prov. 8, 1-9, 6; Eccus. 1, 1-32
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8. Vanity of Vanities...............Eccles. 1, 1-3, 22; 12, 1-13
9. Good and Bad Women.............Prov. 7, 1-27; 31, 10-31;
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10. Isaias' Mission Sermons.......Isa. 1, 2-31; 5, 1-30; 28, 1-22
11. Jeremias' Preaching.............Jerem. 2, 1-4, 31
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14. Confidence in God................. Job 16, 1—17, 16; 19, 1-29
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B. The Teaching of the Apostles

16. Humanity Without Christ........ Rom. 1, 1—3, 31
17. Salvation Through Christ.......... Rom. 5, 1—8, 39
18. Our Union In Christ............... Ephes. 1, 1—4, 32
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20. Charity in the Mystical Body..... Rom. 12, 1-21; 1 Cor. 13, 1-13; Col. 3, 1-21
21. Labors of the Apostolate......... 1 Cor. 2, 1—4, 13;
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22. Apostle of the Gentiles.......... 2 Cor. 10, 1—13, 13
23. Christ, Our High Priest.......... Heb. 4, 14—5, 10; 7, 26—9, 28
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